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Ethan and Bobby walked into Kids Central together. “My family is going snowboarding again this weekend,” Bobby said. “Want to come?”

“Sure!” Ethan said. “I’m saving money for my own snowboard.” He opened his backpack. “Look! This is what I have saved so far.”



Bobby looked at the crumpled bills in Ethan’s backpack. “How much do you have?”

Ethan shrugged. “Mom said I have to save a hundred dollars. I think I have a long way to go.”

“Ethan, you shouldn’t bring a lot of money to school,” Miss Shelly said. “You could lose it.”

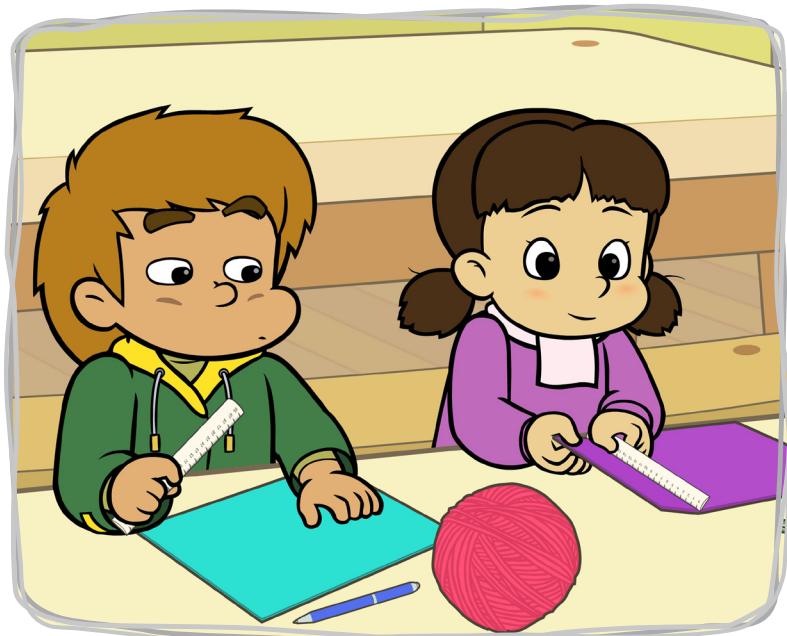


“I don’t have anywhere to keep it,” Ethan said.

“I keep mine in an old sock,” Bobby said.

“Yuck!” Izzie said. “Smelly money! I use a piggy bank.”

Miss Shelly told everyone to sit down. “We’re going to make wallets today,” she said. “Soon you’ll each have a safe, clean

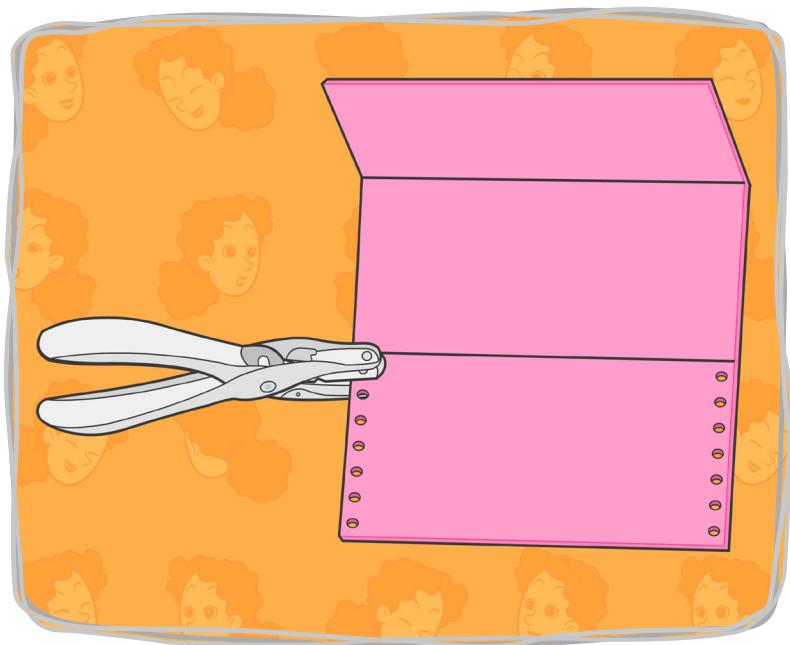


place to keep your cash.”

“Sounds good to me!” Ethan said.

Miss Shelly passed out sheets of craft foam and rulers. “First, fold the sheet five centimeters from the top. Use the ruler to make a nice crease.”

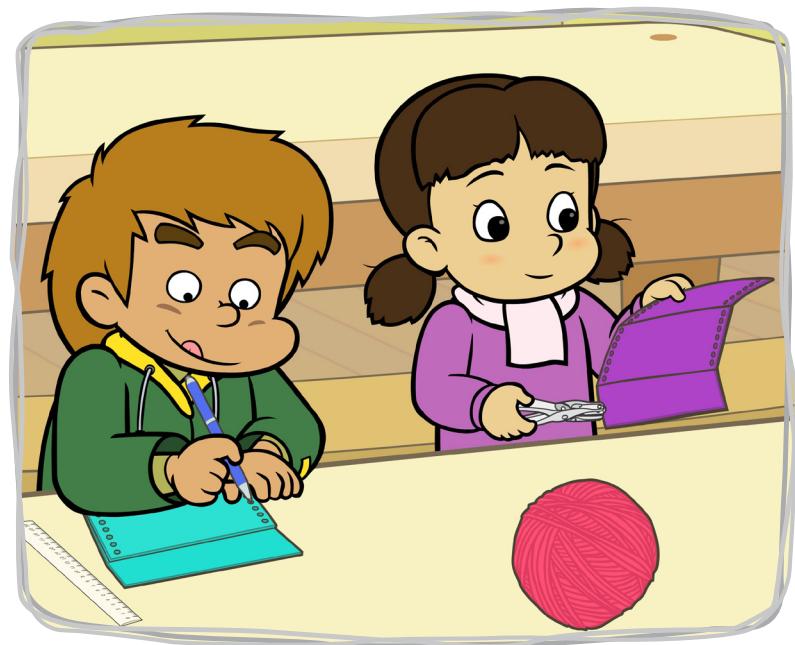
Nina showed Ethan how to make the crease.



“Thanks,” Ethan said. “That makes it easier to fold!”

“Now fold the bottom of the sheet up to that line,” Miss Shelly said. “Crease the fold again. Then lay the foam flat and punch holes along the bottom.”

Bobby grabbed the hole puncher. “I want to use it first!”



Miss Shelly lifted her eyebrow. “We’ll take turns, Bobby,” she said. “Next fold the wallet up to the line. Mark matching holes with a pen.”

The kids followed her instructions. “I’m ready to sew!” Nina said.

“Thread your needle with a double strand of yarn,” Miss Shelly said. “Make



a knot in the end. Then begin sewing the wallet's sides together.”

Ethan started sewing at the bottom of one side.

“Wait!” Nina said. “Start sewing with the yarn on the inside. Then the knot won’t show.”

“Oh. Good idea,” Ethan said. He finished sewing the two sides. Then he folded the



wallet’s top flap down. He marked a spot for the Velcro and stuck it on.

“Done!” Ethan said proudly. “Can I put my money inside now, Miss Shelly?”

“Sure,” Miss Shelly replied.

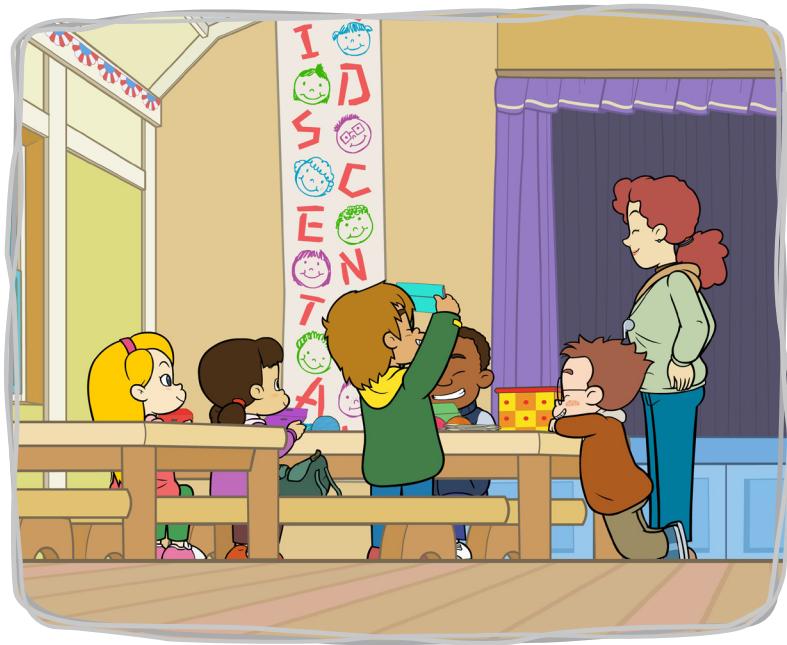
Izzie and Nina were decorating their wallets. Izzie cut foam pieces into flowers. Nina made a cat.



But Ethan wanted to count his money. He dumped it onto the table.

“I’ll help you count it,” Jason said. “Put each type of bill in a different stack.”

Ethan made a stack of one dollar bills. “Fifteen!” Next, he made a stack of five dollar bills. “Four.” Finally, he stacked two ten dollar bills. He counted everything

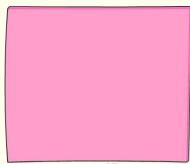


up. “I have 55 dollars!”

“You need one hundred dollars for the snowboard,” Miss Shelly said. “So how much more money do you need?”

Ethan did the math in his head. “One hundred minus 55 is 45. Wow!” He grinned. “I’m more than halfway there!”

Things You'll Need



1 foam craft sheet
(about 23 cm x 20 cm)



a ruler



a hole puncher



about 1 meter of yarn



a sewing needle



a small strip of Velcro
with a sticky back



pieces of foam
for decorations



glue

Do It Yourself

1) Measure 5 centimeters from the top of the foam sheet.

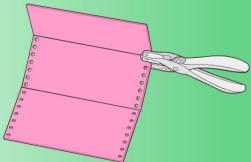
2) Make a fold along that line. Use the edge of the ruler to crease the fold.

3) Fold the bottom of sheet up to the 5 centimeter line. Use the ruler to crease that bottom fold.

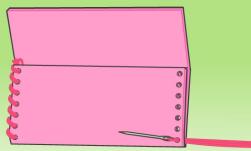
4) Lay the sheet flat. Punch small holes along each side of the bottom section of the sheet.

5) Fold the bottom section up to the middle section and mark the holes with a pen. Do this on each side.

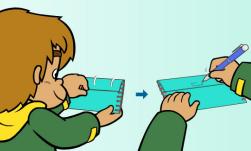
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6) Punch matching holes along the pen marks. Do this on each side.



7) Keeping the wallet folded, sew each side of the sheet together with yarn. Make sure to use a double strand of yarn.



8) Fold the top flap of the wallet down. Mark where to put the Velcro to close the wallet.



9) Stick or glue the Velcro in place.



10) Decorate your wallet with small pieces of foam and glue, if you wish.